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Public Education.

For the benefit of those who may not have read the message of the out-going Governor, we give below an extract from it, setting forth his views along the line of public education. It is interesting as fore-shadowing an improvement in the system of education in Virginia—one of the burning questions of the day.

This has been greater popular interest taken in public education in the past four years than perhaps in the entire history of the state. During this time the welfare and the progress of our free schools have elicited as never before the concern of the best character and talent of our Commonwealth.

There is a hopeful sign, for popular indifference to our free schools has been the chief cause of their slow growth. We need longer terms, fewer but better schools and better teachers; and to this end we must have an annual appropriation of not less than \$200,000 in addition to the special fund of \$200,000 which would give \$400,000 annually, over and above the income derived from the school tax. But this increased appropriation and these improvements will only partially relieve the system of a fatal inertia. The remedy is deeper. For real educational vigor and progress now pleadingly await the helping hand of a law of compulsory attendance. This change is necessary and inevitable sooner or later. The individual rights of parents or guardians will be elaborately and refinedly asserted to obscure the merits of the issue. But one consideration should not be confined to the rights of parents or guardians. We must think of the rights of the children themselves. Their rights are the necessities of the State, and who is to assert these rights if the State does not? Children are too ignorant to know or too weak to assert themselves. Public education is a public necessity. Only upon this ground can properly be taken by force of law to maintain public schools.

Herein the State exerts her sovereign power in defense of herself; and if she can force a citizen to pay for a public necessity why can she not with equal justice force the parents to permit the child to share in the advantages incident to this necessary contribution? And if the State can prevent violence or wrong to the body of the child, she can with equal right prevent injury or wrong to the mind of the child. About fifty out of every one hundred white children are regular attendants upon our public schools. Thus it is apparent that poverty, or ignorance, or avarice of the parents or guardian withholds education from the child. Is it possible that these considerations, should be permitted to imperil the State? Compulsory attendance prevails in every state of the Union, with exception of the Southern States, and even here Maryland and Kentucky have broken the reactionary fetters, and it may be generally affirmed that wherever the free school is efficient, either in America or abroad, legalized compulsory attendance prevails. I, therefore, press upon you the inauguration of this system, with such flexibility in administration as may be expedient under section 138 of the Constitution. If, however, the General Assembly is unwilling to take this step for the whole State, I earnestly recommend your honorable body to empower any county or city of the state with the option of establishing compulsory attendance. It is with inexpressible concern that I commend this great enterprise to your patriotic consideration for I am persuaded that if you make this transcendent contribution to the progress, intelligence and virtue of the Commonwealth, this General Assembly will be affectionately and gratefully recalled by all coming generations.

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Railroad Gossip

A special from Cumberland, Md., of Jan. 13, tells of a party of New York tourists who traded their automobile for timber and mineral land options, which deal is to bring us a railroad.

Following is the special:
"Some time ago, while a party of New York capitalists were touring through Highland county, Va., in an automobile, they were struck with the great wealth of undeveloped timber land and rich iron ore. Investigation revealed the fact that a circuit rider, Rev Mr Gilbert, who had recently gone there from Ohio, had secured an option on much of the land. The minister was struck with the automobile, and traded his options, together with their considerations, for the machine. Now the capitalists have formed a company and it was learned to-day that a route has been laid by engineers and a railroad will be built, to start from Romney, W. Va., and connect with the Chesapeake and Ohio at Staunton, Va. It is rumored that ex-Senator Henry G. Davis and his brother, Congressman T. B. Davis, will build the road, but a gentleman in town to-day, who has seen the plans, states that the Wabash people will construct it. Such a road would open up thousands of acres of timberland. The company has already bought sixty thousand acres in Highland county, Va., and in Randolph and Hardy counties, W. Va."

Who would have thought it! To be sure, parson Gilbert is a myth, and the automobile is not in evidence, but there are options galore, besides many straight deals, and who can tell the outcome?

ANOTHER REPORT

Some unknown friend inclosed the following clipping, from the Cumberland Evening Times, and was received by us Wednesday evening. This report also deals with the mysterious Highland "circuit rider" Gilbert. It is either a bad case of mistaken identity or a queer freak of the imagination.

"During the last day or two the reader has doubtless noticed a little news item that has been going the rounds of the press that Ex-Senator H G Davis and Congressman T B Davis would never die contented until they had built a railroad through Pendleton county, W. Va., etc."

"There is more truth than poetry in the above, only the latter referred to gives no idea of what is and has been going on.
"A gentleman who is acquainted with all the facts in the premises has given a Times representative a detailed outline of a movement that is intended to open up and develop thousands of acres of undeveloped timber and iron ore in West Virginia and old Virginia.

"As long as two years ago a party of Parkersburg, W. Va., induced a number of New York capitalists to become interested in an effort to build a railroad that would tap the timber and iron ore in Hardy, Pendleton and Randolph counties, W. Va., as well as those of Highland County, Va., and a company has been incorporated under the laws of West Virginia for that very purpose.

"Some time ago a Rev Mr Gilbert became what is known as a circuit rider in Highland county, Va. The minister had an eye to business, as well as the welfare of his different flocks, and bought up and secured options on a vast amount of timber and iron ore land in some of the counties referred to.

"Now when the capitalists visited that section they hunted the minister up and were able to trade him land lying in the vicinity of Columbus, O. for that which he had bought or secured options on in Virginia and West Virginia. This little deal gave the capitalists a foothold, and they bought outright about 60,000 acres of timber land and secured options on about 100,000 more acres.

"Having accomplished this much they next started out for the purpose of building a railroad that would enable them to get their timber on the market. Engineers were put to work and several different routes located, plats of which are now in the offices of the chief engineers of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and that of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad and the Davis' have also become greatly interested, so much so that the Times informant states that the work of building a railroad will be begun by one of the three inside of a year.

"One of the proposed routes starts at Romney and follows the South Branch of the Potomac river through portions of Hardy and Pendleton county to the South Fork, from there into Highland county, Va. and thence to Pickens, W. Va. where it would connect with the Pittsburgh and Western railroad or with the B. & O. at Beverly.
"Another route which is said to be looked upon with favor by the Davis people, starts at Beverley and goes through Randolph and Pendleton counties, into Highland and Augusta counties, Va. and connects with the C. & O. at Staunton.
"The above outline may not be exactly correct, but is about as detailed by a gentleman of this city, who has seen the maps and who has been assured that such a road

will be developed, but was of the opinion at the last moment that the Wabash people would bring it to a consummation as it would be almost in line with plans they have already in hand."

Paris Americanized.

If the signs on every dead wall of Paris are to be believed, the Frenchman is becoming acquainted with our breakfast foods, and certain it is that he reads a newspaper printed on an American press, rides on a Yankee trolley car to his office furnished with American furniture, dictates his work to a Yankee typewriting machine and signs his letters with a Connecticut fountain pen.

At lunch it is doubtful if he is not served some of the chilled or canned beef we now send to France in large quantities, and it is pretty certain that his wine is blended with the fiery claret of California.

The only mixed drinks available are at the numerous "American" bars, and for the teetotaler, there is the American ice cream soda, which has at last invaded the candy stores of Paris.

In fact, one becomes Americanized in Paris without realizing the insidious fact—The World Today.

Woman's Idea of Success.

A Kansas woman, Mrs. A. J. Stanley, of Lincoln, has been awarded a prize of \$250 by a Boston firm for the best answer to the question, "What constitutes success?" She wrote: "He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of the intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poem, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction."

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Things That May Happen In 1906.

Here are Spangler's prophecies for 1906:
The dissolution of Russia.
The overthrow of Turkey.
The assassination of the Czar of Russia.
The assassination of the Sultan of Turkey.

The prevention of three wars by President Roosevelt.
A protracted race-war in the South.

Destructive spring floods in the United States.
A destructive eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

The activity of Mount Pelee and Popocatepeti.
Volcanic eruptions in all parts of the world.

The eruption of many volcanoes now supposed to be extinct.
Great loss of life at sea by storms.

Destruction of two Western cities by cyclones.
Earthquakes in all parts of the world.

Destructive earthquakes in California and the Philippines.
Rebellion in Spain.
Great disturbances all over Europe.

Spangler says further that the summer of 1905 will be hot and sultry throughout the temperate zone, with extreme death rate.

That Christ will make His Spirit felt among the people of the United States and England, in which countries there are to be fervent religious and potent political movements, which are to overcome in a great degree the present spirit of graft and commercialism.

That the United States will continue as a world power and the leader of other nations.

That Pennsylvania is to have an administration of the people, and that discoveries of corruption will be discovered, which will drive some of the guilty to suicide.

That God will wreak terrible vengeance upon the Russians for the massacre of the Jews.—New York Ledger.

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THE LOST ARTS.

Many Abandoned Because New Knowledge Makes Them Useless.
Not as much as we used to, but occasionally even yet, one hears of some wonder accomplished by the ancients which cannot be done now.

Not so many years ago it was quite commonly asserted that modern workmen could not quarry or, having quarried, could not handle stones as large as the monoliths of Egypt, and the writer has heard a public speaker of note assert that it would be impossible to handle with modern implements such large stones as were used in the pyramids or to join them as perfectly as they are joined there. Yet, when occasion arose, larger stones than any of the larger monoliths themselves were transported not only to the sea, but across it, and erected in England, France and America, and there are individuals today who might, if they chose, cause the transportation to and erection in this country of the largest pyramids or build new ones ten times larger and more durable. Pyramids are not being generally built nowadays because they are not in line with the trend of modern ambition; that's all.

It is very doubtful if a "Damasus blade" would stand half as severe usage as a modern band saw blade or even as much as the spring of a forty cent clock, while the ornamentalations of those wondrous blades, so far as the mechanical execution is concerned, can be excelled by apprentices and amateurs of today.

Of the "lost art" of hardening copper little is heard of late years, though one occasionally hears a wiseling from the wilds wish that he knew how to do it as well as the ancients, and while it is perhaps regrettable that he doesn't his ignorance is his own fault.

Many arts and devices have been abandoned because new knowledge has made them useless, and time spent in rediscovering them would be worse than wasted. The modern youth had much better spend his time studying the art of his contemporaries than that which is "lost."—Scientific American.

DON'T GET RUSTY.

Keep Your Moral, Mental and Physical Machinery Working.

The machine that lies idle is far more liable to injury than the machine that runs.
Air and dampness do more damage than wear and tear. Let the machine remain inactive awhile, and the coating formed by the corrosion soon covers the bright metal and the parts become stiff and cranky.

A man neglects the working parts of his body. Normally these parts should be exercised. He indulges his members in idleness. Whatever vitality and working force they may have had when in continued use, neglect causes the machinery to run stiffly. It is the rust.

A man may neglect to exercise his working brain forces. He may have ever so quick a mind, but if he does not use his mental machinery the rust of idleness is soon over it.

A man may neglect to use the moral forces that are in him. There is a weakening somewhere. The machine lets down. And soon the parts are rusted.

When the primary or the convention or the ballot box, working parts of government, are neglected the rust collects. The machinery works poorly. It may break down.

Keep your body working without friction by systematic exercise.
Keep your mind bright by using it.
Keep your soul clean by working it.

And so for society nine-tenths of its evils are caused by the idleness of its necessary working parts.—Chicago Journal.

A Shoe That Altered History.

After the fall of Anne Boleyn the pope prepared overtures of reconciliation so favorable to King Henry VIII. that he determined to accept them. A representative was sent from Rome with the dispatches, and when within a day's journey from Calais his horse cast a shoe and fell lame. As it was a favorite, the messenger determined to wait a day that the poor animal might rest and recover. Next day the journey was resumed, but on the day that London was reached Henry had been married to Jane Seymour, a Protestant. Anne had been beheaded, and all hope of reconciliation with the papacy was at an end. The cast shoe had thus changed the bent of English church history.

A Balking Mule.

It is stated on the authority of officers in the Confederate army that a balking mule decided the battle of Gettysburg. The southern and northern troops were both attempting to reach an eminence the position of which practically decided the battle, and the southern column was blocked by a balking mule just long enough to enable the northern troops to gain the eminence, and so that balking mule really decided the battle.

Luck or Good Management.

"I heard Crabbe say he had never had such luck in his business as he's having now, but I didn't understand whether it was good luck or bad."
"Oh, he meant bad luck, of course! If it were good luck he wouldn't speak of it as 'luck' at all."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Bit of Human Nature.

A man who sells cut flowers at a stand downtown was waiting for trade the other afternoon when a newsboy, dirty and ragged, came running up, says the Kansas City Times.

"Say," said the boy, "what's the price of them red flowers?"
"Those carnations, you mean? They are 2 cents apiece," said the man.

"I'll trade you a paper for one," said the boy. The flower seller accepted the offer, and the boy ran away with his carnation. A few minutes later he returned.

"Say," he said, "I just sold a paper. Gimme another of them red flowers. Here's the 2 cents."

The man at the stand handed him another carnation and accepted the pennies with a smile. As the boy started away the man became curious.

"Say, kid," he said, "what you going to do with those flowers?"
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J F Trexler, Jno L Trexler and H P Reynolds, partners doing business under the style of Trexler Bros and Co. and others, the remaining members of the partnership known as the Blue Grass Percheron Horse Co. and Chas. P. Jones. The object of this suit is to annul or dissolve and wind up the partnership known as the Blue Grass Percheron Horse Co. and to ascertain its assets and liabilities and disburse the same according to law to the parties entitled. The members of the above named partnership are E. W. Armstrong, Uriah Hevener, L. B. Waybright, H. H. Hevener, J. N. Stover, George E. Swecker, J. K. Kramer, C. C. Burns, J. H. Lightner, W. H. Hiner, S. A. Gilmore, G. D. Dudley, W. F. Jones, and Trexler Bros. and Co. comprised of John L. Trexler, J. F. Trexler, and H. P. Reynolds.

And it appearing from affidavit filed that John L. Trexler, J. F. Trexler and H P Reynolds, partners and doing business as Trexler Bros. and Co. are non-residents of the state of Va. it is ordered that they do appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect their interests. Teste, J. C. Matheny, Clerk. E. H. McClintic, p. q.



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Are Large Houses vulgar?

Are large houses vulgar? Certainly a parvenu who should build himself a house the size of Chatsworth or Ballymore would be vulgar, as lacking a sense of proportion in a matter of taste. The inheritors of such places are of course not vulgar to live in them, though they are sometimes most unfortunate. Enormous houses survive the time of necessary retainers and a warlike state. They are useless for all modern purposes except display; pathetic, then, when old, they are certainly vulgar when new.—G. S. Street in London Outlook.

The First Business Woman.

We don't generally associate the Bible with business matters, but if you were told to name the first business woman mentioned in the Bible what would you say?

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